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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION  
WITH REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated May 6, 2003, having a three-month term  
for reply.

**REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), a three-month extension of the term for reply, i.e., to up  
to and including November 6, 2003, is requested. The Commissioner is authorized to charge  
\$475.00, in payment of the fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a) for a small entity, any additionally  
required fee for the extension, or any other fee occasioned by this paper, or credit any  
overpayment in such fees, to Deposit Account No. 50-0320.

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730083-2000.2AMENDMENT

Please amend the application without prejudice, without admission, without surrender of subject matter, and without any intention of creating any estoppel as to equivalents, as follows:

In the Claims:

- 1-13. (Cancelled)
14. (Currently amended) A method for administering a biologically active substance to a desired location within a mammal, said method comprising:
- a) inserting into the mammal an instrument comprising a flexible shaft, having a distal end and a proximal end, wherein the shaft comprises a node mounted within a restraining structure at the distal end of the shaft, wherein a catheter, having a distal end and proximal end, can extend from the node, and wherein the node can be rotated to allow manipulation of the catheter at the distal end of the shaft; including a channel therein into said mammal,
- b) controlling the location of the distal end of the shaft via through control cables within the shaft such that the catheter is positioned at the desired location;[[,]] and
- c) ejecting projecting the biologically active substance from the end of the channel at the catheter to the desired location.
15. (New) The method of claim 14, wherein a needle is located at the distal end of the catheter.
16. (New) The method of claim 14, wherein a nozzle is located at the distal end of the catheter.
17. (New) The method of claim 14, wherein the instrument further comprises at least two cameras located at the distal end of the shaft, positioned such that a stereoscopic image is conveyed to an operator.
18. (New) The method of claim 14, wherein the instrument further comprises a source of light or other electromagnetic radiation.
19. (New) The method of claim 14, wherein the shaft further comprises a second node mounted within a restraining structure at the distal end of the shaft, wherein a surgical tool can extend from the node, and wherein the node can be rotated to allow manipulation of the surgical tool at the distal end of the shaft.